



**The
McGraw
Center**

for Teaching & Learning
328 Frist Campus Center
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McGraw for Undergraduates

Expert learners approach texts and problems differently than novices. They engage readings primed to pick out key ideas and arguments, to think about implications, and to plan next steps. They chunk information and categorize problems according to tested strategies developed to conceptualize and to solve them. With practice and support, students at all levels can cultivate these academic skills and adopt new strategies and habits of mind.

The McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning offers a range of support for Princeton undergraduates as they take on new academic challenges and develop as learners. At McGraw, students learn how to:

- manage a challenging reading load
- engage key concepts from the reading and remember them
- problem-solve successfully
- balance work and life with good time management skills
- identify their learning preferences and study with those in mind
- take effective notes and create study tools
- prepare for precepts and exams
- overcome test anxiety and procrastination
- plan for large projects like the JP or senior thesis
- give strong oral presentations

**Where
the best
students
get
better.**

For *The McGraw Guide: Strategies for Academic Success at Princeton* and a selection of tip-sheets and other resources outlining strategies for facing common academic challenges, visit www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/Undergraduate_resource_tipsheet_index.html.

McGRAW STUDY HALL @FRIST

We provide free tutoring in introductory-level mathematics, chemistry, physics, economics, logic, and integrated sciences through the Study Hall @Frist. Experienced, trained undergraduate tutors are available to guide students through learning course material, thinking through problem sets, and preparing for exams. The McGraw Study Hall also provides a good space for study groups to meet or for informal group work with classmates.

Study Hall is open Sunday through Wednesday evenings from 7:30-10:30, directly outside of the McGraw Center on the 300-level of the Frist Campus Center. No appointment necessary.

For start and end dates and a list of classes supported by Study Hall, visit www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/mcgraw_study_hall.html.

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ACE STUDY SKILLS CONFERENCES

Undergraduate peer mentors, known as ACE Fellows, along with McGraw Center staff, provide free one-on-one consultations on best study strategies—engaged reading, advanced problem-solving, note-taking, exam preparation, time management, and more. Consultants help students evaluate their current strategies, determine exactly what they can improve on, and then develop new strategies for studying smarter.

To sign up for a conference, go to www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/ace.html.

For a list of the ACE consultants, go to www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/tmc-aboutus_ace.html.

ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

We offer workshops that show students how to study smarter. These academic skills workshops cover a variety of topics, such as problem-solving like an expert, preparing for precepts and exams, overcoming test anxiety and procrastination, giving strong oral presentations, and managing time.

We also partner with several courses each semester to offer workshops that develop learning strategies within a disciplinary context. Courses may include introductory chemistry, economics, math, molecular biology, physics, politics, and sociology.

For a calendar of workshops, visit www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/undergrad_workshops.html.

REVIEW SESSIONS

Review sessions are another resource for learning course material. They are led, weekly, by graduate student instructors. No appointment is necessary.

For a schedule of review sessions, see www.princeton.edu/sites/mcgraw/review_sessions.html.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Want to strengthen and deepen your own knowledge in your chosen concentration? Interested in improving your academic performance while helping your fellow students improve theirs? Want to hone skills for professions beyond Princeton and get paid for it? If so (and who wouldn't), consider joining the McGraw Center as a peer tutor for Study Hall or as an ACE Fellow. For more information about working for McGraw, contact Dr. Roblin Meeks at rmEEKS@princeton.edu or visit www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/shapp.html (Study Hall) and www.princeton.edu/mcgraw/aceapp.html (ACE).

If you have any questions about our programming (or just about anything else), please let us know at mgraw@princeton.edu or stop by our offices in 328 Frist. Someone will be available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., throughout the semester. Seriously, stop by.